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DEVELOPMENTS IN SOVIET SOFT ROOFING  
 AND STANDARD HOUSING INDUSTRIES

VYBORG PLANT AWARDED RED BANNER AWARD FOR PERFORMANCE -- Moscow, Promyshlennost' Stroitel'nykh Materialov, 13 Aug 52

Having exceeded its quota during the second quarter 1952, the Vyborg Ruberoid Plant has been awarded the Red Banner Award of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR. The plant has received this award for the fourth time in succession.

During the second quarter 1952, the plant increased its production 37 percent over the same period in 1951. During 6 months of 1952, the plant showed a profit of 200,000 rubles above plan.

The plant is constantly adding new equipment. In 1952, it installed six drying cylinders which will make it possible not only to increase output but also to improve the quality of products.

ODESSA PLANT FULFILLS QUOTA AHEAD OF SCHEDULE -- Moscow, Promyshlennost' Stroitel'nykh Materialov, 9 Jul 52

The Odessa Ruberoid Plant fulfilled its quota for the first 6 months of 1952 ahead of schedule. During the period, it produced 225,000 square meters of soft roofing paper above quota.

NEW RUBEROID PLANT SUPPLIES FAR EAST CONSTRUCTION SITES -- Leningrad, Leningradskaya Pravda, 4 Feb 53

The Khabarovsk Ruberoid Plant recently started operations and has been delivering large quantities of roofing materials to construction projects.

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Moscow, Trud, 17 Feb 53

A new enterprise of the Five-Year Plan, the Khabarovsk Ruberoid Plant, has been supplying the construction projects of the Far East with a roofing material known as "pergamin."

KUYBYSHEV PLANT CRITICIZED FOR RAISING COSTS IN 1953 -- Moscow, Pravda, 6 May 53

Rather than reducing costs as was expected, the Kuybyshev Roofing Paper Plant, which is subordinate to Glavkrovlya (Main Administration of the Roofing Industry) of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR, has increased costs during the first quarter 1953.

Two thirds of the overhead expenses and the losses suffered by the plant have been caused by waste of raw materials and finished products. The same situation exists in a number of other enterprises subordinate to Glavkrovlya.

CONFERENCE REVEALS SHORTCOMINGS IN PREFABRICATED HOUSING -- Moscow, Promyshlennost' Stroitel'nykh Materialov, 25 Jun 52

A conference of plant and combine managers of Glavstandartdom (Main Administration of Standard Housing Construction) of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR revealed that a number of the main administration's subordinate enterprises have been supplying people with houses which lack certain items.

In 2 months of 1952, 539 incomplete single-dwelling homes were delivered to customers. It was impossible to install windows and doors in 127 of these houses; 309 of them had no slate covering, and 103 had no roofing.

A large amount of waste exists in the prefabricated housing enterprises. The percentage has increased to twice the figure expected. In many plants, the workers have ceased to place any value on lumber. The overexpenditure of raw materials at the Selets, Stalingrad, and Lyumin combines is the main reason for the disruption in the working operations of these enterprises.

HOUSE-FABRICATING COMBINE EXCEEDS PREVIOUS OUTPUT 20 PERCENT -- Moscow, Promyshlennost' Stroitel'nykh Materialov, 2 Jul 52

During the first 6 months of 1952, the Poklevskaya Standard House-Fabricating Combine, which is subordinate to Glavstandartdom, exceeded by 20 percent its output for the same period of 1951. During the first 6 months of 1952, the combine produced more than 2,000 square meters of housing area above quota.

NEW-TYPE HOUSES FABRICATED IN MASS PRODUCTION -- Kiev, Pravda Ukrainy, 30 Nov 52

Enterprises subordinate to the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry are now fabricating new-type standard houses on a mass-production basis.

The Peno (Penzenskaya Oblast) and the Yevlashevo (Kuznetskaya Oblast) plants are now producing two-apartment panel-assembly houses whose outside walls are covered with asbestos-cement slabs. The interior is finished off with wood fiberboard painted with special enamels of various colors. Each apartment consists

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of two rooms, a kitchen, an entrance hallway, and a vestibule. The living area is 64 square meters. The roof is covered with durable asbestos slate.

A number of plants and combines have started mass production of two-story eight-apartment dwellings. Previously, the interior of two-story standard dwellings was finished off with wet plaster. Wood fiberboards of various colors are now used, thus eliminating the necessity of using wallpaper. Floors are no longer made from boards; pressed, waterproof, highly durable wood-fiber slabs are used.

**COMBINE SHIPS FABRICATED HOUSING TO PROJECT WORKERS -- Moscow, Izvestiya, 4 Mar 53**

The Yevlashevo Standard House-Fabricating Combine has recently shipped several carloads of two-story eight-apartment dwellings to project workers. It fulfilled its order for Kuybyshev GES. In January-February 1953, it shipped seven 8-story apartment houses to workers of this project. The combine also supplied the project workers of the Main Turkmen Canal with 11 single-unit three-room houses.

In March 1953, the combine expects to produce 1.5 times the number of houses produced in February 1953.

**BUILD MECHANIZED HOUSE-FABRICATING COMBINE -- Moscow, Komsomol'skaya Pravda, 25 Jan 53**

One of the largest house-fabricating combines in the Soviet Union is being erected near the city of Yenakiyevo in Stalinskaya Oblast. The combine, which will be one of the most mechanized enterprises, is being erected at a fast pace and will start operations by the end of the new Five-Year Plan.

It is expected to produce annually hundreds of thousands of reinforced-concrete structures, side panels, columns, stairways, and other items necessary to erect four-story and five-story dwellings. The combine is expected to produce three fabricated 48-apartment houses from its conveyer line every week.

**TWO NEW PLANTS TO START OPERATIONS IN 1953 -- Kishinev, Sovetskaya Moldaviya, 13 Feb 53**

In 1953, two new plants, the Moscow and the Lyubertsy plants, will start operations.

The two new enterprises will annually produce 240,000 cubic meters of reinforced-concrete structures such as large wall panels, slabs, covering plates, columns, and other products for new building projects in Moscow. The output from these plants will sharply change the picture of dwelling construction in Moscow.

**HARD WOOD-FIBER PLATES TO COVER FLOORS -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 18 Mar 53**

Glavstandartdom has started producing hard wood-fiber plates at its Sel'tso House-Fabricating Combine in Bryanskaya Oblast. The new plates are more durable and water resistant than pine boards and will be used to cover ordinary floor boards.

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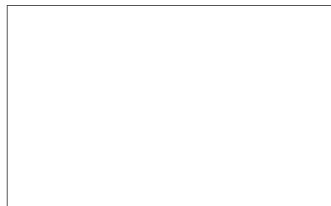
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The plates are 5 meters long, 1.6 meters wide, and 5 millimeters thick. They can be used as substitutes for either linoleum or parquetry in multistory houses. A square meter of plate is one third the price of a square meter of linoleum or parquetry.

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